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LETTER DATED 27 JULY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of observation and provocation during the period 15 to 23 July 1992.

15-16 July 1992

Twenty-two sorties, flown by 11 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 6,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Amadiyah, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho and Dohuk.

16-17 July 1992

Twenty-seven sorties, flown by 13 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Dukan and Amadiyah.

17-18 July 1992

Twenty-five sorties, flown by 12 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour, centred over Dohuk, Ayn Zalah, Amadiyah, Irbil, Mosul, Tall Afar and Zakho.

18-19 July 1992

Ten sorties, flown by five two-aircraft formations at speeds of 700 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 6,500 metres, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Mosul and Dohuk. Around 1000 hours on 18 July 1992, a large grey aircraft overflew the Zamar district several times at low altitudes and dropped a greyish-white substance in the form of fine filaments similar to tufts of hair which fell close to the township water plant.

20-21 July 1992

Thirty-one sorties, flown by 15 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000

to 5,200 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

21-22 July 1992

Twenty-two sorties, flown by 11 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 6,500 metres, centred over Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Ayn Zalah, Mosul, Tall Afar and Irbil.

22-23 July 1992

Nineteen sorties, flown by nine two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abd al-Amir AL-ANBARI
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